

REMARKS

By this Amendment, claims 1, 3, 4, 6-11 and 18 are amended and claims 19 and 20 are newly added to further recite the claimed invention, all without any intention of narrowing the scope of any of the claims. Support for the amended and newly added claims may be found, for example, in FIGS. 3-8 and their corresponding description in the detailed description. After entry of this Amendment, claims 1-20 will be pending.

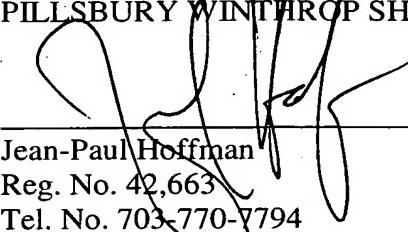
Applicant has amended independent claim 1 to correct a typographical error and has mostly amended the various dependent claims to correct typographical errors and/or to improve consistency. Newly added claims 19 and 20 find support in, for example, paragraph 45 of the specification and in FIGS. 6-8 and their associated description. Applicant continues to maintain that all the claims are patentable over the art previously cited by the Examiner and believes the amendments herein do not affect the allowability of the previous claims 1-18. Further, new claims 19 and 20 depend from independent claims 1 and 13, respectively, and are, therefore, patentable for at least the same reasons previously provided that substantially unamended independent claims 1 and 13, respectively, are patentable, and for the additional features recited in claims 19 and 20.

Applicants respectfully submit that the application is in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is earnestly solicited. If any point is at issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, please contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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